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ALMY'S

Supreme Dahlias

— for —

1937

SEEDLINGS,
CHOICE NOVELTIES
and VARIETIES
of Unusual Merit from
East and West



F. W. C. ALMY

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Almy's Supreme Dahlias

It is with pleasure I submit my Annual Catalogue of Dahlias for 1937. I wish to call particular attention to my seedlings listed within, also to my Green Plants described in the back of this catalogue.

Thanking my many customers for their patronage and kind letters of appreciation.

Sincerely,

F. W. C. ALMY.

ABBREVIATIONS

I. D.—Informal Decorative

S. C.—Semi Cactus

C.—Cactus

P.—Peony

D.—Decorative

(Descriptions are in Most Cases the
Originators)

TERMS

Cash with order or in advance of shipment. On large orders, we require a small deposit as evidence of good faith. This List cancels all previous prices.

DISCOUNT

We allow usual discount to **The Trade only**, except those marked **net**. Send your card or letter head.

Our Introduction For 1938

*"COLOSSAL KNIGHT OF AUTUMN." I. D.

We consider this one of the most outstanding varieties to date, not even excepting our Lord of Autumn to which it is a most worthy successor though more outstanding in several particulars — **size, color** and thrift of bush. Mr. R. G. Huey, who grew it with 400 others in his Display Gardens at Ewing, Ky., says: "In the worst Season ever known here, unparalleled heat and prolonged drought, when some varieties dried up and died, it gave me bloom after bloom from 12 in. to 14 in. in diameter (and very deep), that did not fade or burn in the most intense heat. Growth vigorous, plant strong and stocky, foliage heavy and dark, stems long and rigid and not an insect on plant or blooms. A **wonderful Dahlia.**"

Be sure and place this grand introduction on your List for 1938 and **order early** to avoid disappointment.

Our Introductions For 1937

GOLDEN FAUN. I. D. In this lovely variety we have one of the most **beautiful of all Dahlias**, not even excepting our Supreme Loveliness. While somewhat resembling Champoege it is far more beautiful as it is a combination of pastel shades of salmon pale gold and faun so blended as to be indescribable lovely and no word picture can do it justice. The blooms are of **extra large** size and hold almost uniform in size the whole season; does not fade or burn and held up and out on rigid stems always. The plant grows only about 3 ft. and so sturdy it needs little staking. **Divisions (limited) \$10 each. Plants \$5.**

GIANT IVORY. D. An immense Dahlia, ranking among the very largest in this class—in fact **the largest** I know—held on cane like stems $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 ft. in length. The color is an old ivory or light gold with a orange buff flush on the always tight center, which gives it a very striking appearance. This sometimes disappears in dry season but is always noticeable when grown to perfection. So strong is the stem and neck I have seen it hold a giant bloom right out in a thirty mile wind without breaking and flower of such substance it was little injured. Also a good keeper when cut. No Dahlia has the exact shade and center of Giant Ivory and it is outstanding in this class. **Divisions \$15 each. Plants \$7.**

CAROLINA BEAUTY. I. D. (Almy-Dewar). This beautiful Dahlia resembles Jersey's Beauty, but is an even **brighter** and more beautiful in color, and held facing to facing up on cane stiff stems that can be cut from 3 to 5 ft. in length and is a most extraordinary keeper when cut. (See testimonial below.) The bush is from 6 to 8 ft tall and of splendid vigor, and has never been propagated and so prolific that it is common to find 10 up to 25 blooms on a plant and **averaging 8 in.** Heavily disbudded it will grow to enormous size. These results obtained in the hot climate of the South. In Northern and Western districts it should be even better. A very large stock enables me to quote a price far below its worth. **Strong Divisions \$7.50, 3 for \$20. Plants \$3.50, 3 for \$9.** The foliage and growth is perfect.

Andrews, North Carolina.
December 18, 1936.

Mr. R. A. Dewar,
Andrews, N. C.

Dear Mr. Dewar:

For the past three years I have been very much interested in your new pink seedling—Carolina Beauty. It adapts itself to a vase and I have never seen more beautiful flowers than the ones on display during the past three seasons at Davis Pharmacy in Andrews.

I am glad to recommend this dahlia to those who wish a beautiful flower.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) CATHERINE C. MARTIN.

Atlanta Wholesale Floral Company
Florists' Supplies, Cut Flowers and Greens
408 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Phone Jackson 2341
Atlanta, Ga.

December 2, 1936.

Mr. R. A. Dewar,
Andrews, N. C.
Dear Mr. Dewar:

The dahlias (Carolina Beauty) you left here were kept in our refrigerator for three days and then put outside on a table three additional days and after this treatment they were good enough to send to a friend in the hospital.

I would say that you have a dahlia with unusual keeping qualities. For those who want a fine dahlia I am sure your new flower can not be surpassed.

These blooms had been carried **150 miles** in bottom of a **truck**. This company is the largest retail house in the South.

Yours very truly,
ATLANTA WHOLESALE FLORAL CO.
By J. W. Parris.

Department of Justice
Office of
United States Commissioner W. T. Shelton
Western District of North Carolina.
Waynesville, N. C.
October 29, 1936.

Mr. R. A. Dewar,
Andrews, N. C.
Dear Mr. Dewar:

I have just returned from a trip to South Carolina and find your letter of the 21st. I am glad to report that the (Carolina Beauty) dahlia kept getting better, and better until cut down by frost. It received more compliments than anything in the garden. I pruned pretty heavy towards the last and got enormous blooms. The bushes and the blooms so perfect and fine that I see no reason why it should not become one of the most popular dahlias in the country. I took a nice bunch of them over to Miss Frances Perkins (Secretary of Labor) when she was in Asheville. She said they were the finest she ever saw. I have hundreds of Dahlias and consider it one of the **Best**. It is not bothered by insects or fungus and not a dwarf in the lot.

Sincerely,
WTS/c W. T. SHELTON.

Andrews, North Carolina,
December 18, 1936.

Mr. R. A. Dewar,
Andrews, N. C.
Dear Mr. Dewar:

For several years you have been supplying us with vases of fine dahlias. Among these dahlias have been

Jane Cowl, Jersey Beauty, Kathleen Norris and other of the newer varieties. The dahlia that has caused universal favorable comment has been your new seedling Carolina Beauty. Many tourists passing through Andrews have stopped and admired this seedling and they have told us they thought the coloring and size and general appearance of the Carolina Beauty was one of the best if not the best they had ever seen. The stems are so long and graceful, the foliage very green and free from defects and the flowers the most delicate shading of pink with a dash of yellow at the center of the petals.

Very truly yours,
THE DAVIS DRUG STORE,
By H. E. Davis, Mgr.

Benjamin W. Sill
Florist and Nurseryman
"The New and Better Things in Flowers"
2300 Gordan Road, Atlanta, Ga.
December 2, 1936.

Mr. Roger A. Dewar,
Andrews, N. C.

Dear Mr. Dewar:

The blooms of your seedling Dahlia Carolina Beauty which you brought to my place this fall made a favorable impression on me and at first glance I could see the parent was Jersey Beauty.

It is more pink than Jersey Beauty and is of the informal decorative type and of a larger size and I believe that it will appeal to Dahlia growers.

Very truly yours,
BENJ. W. SILL.

Our Previous Introductions

CREAM OF GOLD. I. D. A particularly robust grower that keeps soft and produces large blooms the entire season. It is a delicate, creamy gold in color that neither fades or burns, and of large exhibition size till frost, with an always tight center. The stems are absolutely perfect, 3 to 4 feet long, stiff as canes and carry the giant blooms facing up, or very near it, and neck is always strong. Height 5 feet. One of the best of my 1936 introductions. **Div. \$6; Plants \$3.**

GOLDEN MONARCH. I. D. (Almy-Viana). A giant dahlia from Africa that will produce as many huge blooms as any variety I know. The flower consists of extremely long and broad petals sharply pointed and with a very high full center, giving it great depth, as well as diameter, and is easily in the Largest Bloom class, and maintains its great size all season. A remarkably prolific bloomer and

cane stiff stems (always) from 2 to 3 feet long. Color is a beautiful deep gold with orange buff suffusion. A particularly rich and glowing color. Plants 3 feet and so sturdy they need no stakes. Highly commended at Georgia Trial Grounds for "huge Ex. blooms". Also at Flemingsburg Gardens where it was ranked close to Lord of Autumn for size and quality of bloom. **Div. \$5; Plants \$2.50.**

GIANT DEVIL DOG. I. D. (Almy - Ambrose). A bold, dashing flower. It is a striking red in color and the originator claims will grow with M. Masterpiece in size. The plant is as sturdy as a tree and grows to 6 feet in height with the immense blooms carried well above the bush on cane stiff stems, 3 feet long, that holds them **facing up** or at a slight angle. A perfect stem, a giant bloom, a plant of splendid vigor and a beautiful color. I consider this one of my very best introductions for 1936. **Div. \$5; Plants \$2.50.**

***JUMBO SATAN.** I. D. This is a **giant dahlia** in every respect. The bush will **average 8 to 9 feet** tall and **6 feet** across and should be planted at least 5 feet apart. The foliage is a deep green, with almost black stems, and the leaves are so leathery it is absolutely pest proof. The immense blooms are carried **above** the bush, frequently 10 feet from the ground, on stems like broom handles. At San Francisco Show 1936 a bloom 14 in.x7 in. was shown. This bloom was too old at Show time and had begun to turn black so one entire row of petals (about 1 in.) had been pulled out and it then was beaten for **Largest Bloom** by $\frac{1}{8}$ of inch. Another bloom, combined with Amelia Earhart, won first in **Two Largest Bloom Class**. Both these blooms were picked from one plant and, in condition, would have easily won Largest Bloom in both classes over anything they could produce. Was also "excellent" at Georgia Experiment Station. The color is a rich **dark** red (with center slightly darker) and the reverse of the tight center petals suffused a pearly white, and there are also scattered petaloids inside the wide main petals, that are the same color, making a beautiful and very striking effect; and combined with the giant size of both plant, bloom and stem, make it the most spectacular dahlia in my Gardens. It is also the

best keeper I ever grew. After September 1st blooms will keep a **week, cut**, and up to three weeks on the plant. First blooms **face up**, and the stems are leafless for **18 to 24 inches** and as large, **at the neck**, as a medium size fountain pen. Later blooms face at a slight angle but always rigidly erect. **Strong divisions \$15; Plants \$6.**

***LORD OF AUTUMN.** I. D. for 1937. This Dahlia is **still** the peer of any yellow Dahlia so far produced and its winnings of Class and Sweepstake prizes are not equaled by any Dahlia of any color. In addition to hundreds of Largest and Best Bloom prizes it last year received a special Certificate of Honor from Georgia Experiment Station. It has been grown 15 in. in Canada, 15½ in. in Massachusetts; 14 in. x 7 in. in Kentucky; 14 in. x 8 in. New Jersey; 14 in. x 9 in. at Peekskill, etc., etc. Our stock is as strong as ever, has **never** been **overpropagated**, and we harvested hundreds of great clumps again last Fall, full of vigor and vitality. Our prices are very low for quality of the stock. **Strong divisions \$2.50, 3 for \$5. Plants \$1.25, 3 for \$3.**

ROSE OF HEAVEN. I. D. I was induced to so name this dahlia by the repeated expressions of visitors — "Oh what a **heavenly** color." It is a pure rose in color, different in shade from any dahlia out, and hasn't a particle of lavender. This is a plant of extreme vigor and keeps green and soft all season and is a prolific bloomer of extra size flowers, that keep well as cut flowers (as do all of my introductions). Stems are long and stiff and carry flowers at a proper angle, many facing up. The color is superb but will fade slightly in extremely hot weather, unless protected from the sun, as do most dahlias of this color. Recommended at Georgia Experiment Station. **Div. \$5; Plants \$2.**

"SALLY B". I. D. The most beautiful pink dahlia it has been my pleasure to grow, or see, and there are many grand pinks. A seedling of Kathleen Norris, it has the same long, black, rigid stem, but is even larger in diameter, though perhaps not quite as deep. Slightly lighter in color, it is a lovely shell pink throughout which does not fade or burn. It is a very prolific producer of giant blooms,

with center always closed. Grown over 11 inches in Tacoma. "Best dahlia I ever got from the East." California grower. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

SUPREME LOVELINESS. I. D. As its name implies, this is a flower of exquisite beauty—one of the most beautiful I grow and a great favorite as a cut flower with the ladies. It is a combination of soft pastel shades of gold pink and salmon. Not an immense bloom but will grow to 10 inches on perfect stems—2 to 3 feet long—that hold the flowers **facing up**. Plants about 4 feet, a robust grower, with dark green, leatherly foliage, and is a prolific bloomer. An addition to any collection. **Div. \$5; Plants \$2.**

SUPREME GLORY. I. D. On the Honor Roll and one of the most prolific large dahlias grown. **Fifty-two** blooms and buds showing color have been counted on a single plant at one time, several over 9 inches, and it has been grown to 11½ inches without forcing. Grows about 5 feet tall and throws up a very unusual number of flower stalks with rigid stems two to three feet long. Color, gold slightly suffused red. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

SUPREME MONARCH. I. D. An immense, deep, brilliant red with a reverse of pearly white — always — which shows on face as petals twist slightly. Will average **larger than Elite Glory** (its seed parent), and much more prolific, and more beautiful in formation. The giant blooms are held erect, and facing on stems, like cane, that are 2 to 3 feet tall. Mentioned as one of the outstanding varieties at Bronx Botanical Gardens 1935. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

New Introductions From Other Growers **A New Class for 1937, the Super-Giants**

Those marked (*) are in this Class

* **ANGE MARCELLE.** I. D. (Pezant) This is another French creation that is going to cause a sensation when seen, the blooms average over twelve inches and correspondingly deep, color old rose with tints of copper, reverse of petals pure pink, the petals are long and fluffy and curl in a most entrancing

manner, showing the pink reverse most prominently. They are held at a forty-five degree angle on extraordinary long, stiff, cane-like stems that can be cut in lengths of four feet and over. The plant is a very strong vigorous grower with large, thick, leathery foliage that is immune from insects. Winner of highest award and first class certificate at Biarritz. Will be released in 1937. **Plants only, \$7.50.**

DEAN ANDERSON. I. D. (Wickersham) A giant bloom on a long and cane like stem. In color between Henna and Burnt Orange. A truly beautiful color and a magnificent Dahlia. On Honor Roll. Plant a robust grower, 5 to 6 ft. tall and blooms stand rigidly erect, facing you. **Div. (very limited) \$10; Plants \$5.**

* **DIRECTEUR PLUMCOCQ.** I. D. (Pizant) This is unquestionably the largest and best dahlia ever grown or introduced, and is going to create a sensation when released. Blooms 15 inches and over and of great depth seem to grow natural with this variety. It created a sensation in Europe the past season and scored 98 out of a possible 100 points at the Migron trial grounds in France, which are identical to those of our own at Storrs. Also won more cups and awards than any other dahlia was ever known to win in a single season. The blooms are the largest known to date, extremely full and nearly as deep as it is wide, color rich old gold shaded brown without any other tints. The blooms last a long time on the plant and in water, and are held at a forty-five degree angle on strong cane-like stems, high and well above the foliage, are borne in the greatest of profusion from early until very late in the season. The foliage is large, thick and leathery, the kind that not even grasshoppers will bother with. The plant is of extraordinary vigor and well in harmony with the huge flowers. Will be released in Spring of 1937. **Plants only, \$10.**

FIREBALL. F. D. (Bissell) Color a brilliant one tone scarlet, which does not burn in the sun. The foliage is heavy and absolutely insect resistant. It is medium height. It is a very early bloomer and the flowers keep ex-

ceptionally well when cut. Honor Roll and Certificate of Merit. Winner of three blue ribbons in the formal decorative classes in 1936. Winner of the Charles H. Ruscher Memorial Cup at the National Show at Detroit. Winner in basket arrangement of 25 blooms for artistic effect. **Plants only, \$5.**

HAPPINESS. F. D. (Lee) Another beauty and a marvel for color. Blooms 10x4 in. held on perfect stems over 4 ft. bush. Color a **beautiful** strawberry pink or bright begonea rose with a distinct zone of lemon yellow at base of petals, reverse silvery pink. Truly another **marvelous** color. **Plants only, \$5.**

HI-LITE. I. D. (Lee) First Prize at Washington Show and an actual Achievement Medal winner though deprived of that honor by a variety afterwards disqualified and medal withdrawn. Plant 5 ft. Blooms 11x5 in. Color rich, velvety carmine, shaded rose red, lightly tipped gold with silver reverse, held on perfect stems far above the plant. Another beauty. **Plants only \$3.50.**

HONEY MOON. I. D. (Lee) First Prize for best I. D. at Washington Show, Seattle. Color center petals bright yellow, outer petals apricot, recurving like a giant "Mum" Plant, 4½ ft. stems, ideal. **Div. \$4; Plants \$2.**

JACK BENNY. I. D. (Edison) Base color lemon yellow, outer ⅔ of florets lightly tinted scarlet giving the flower a bitter sweet orange color. Excellent stems from 14½ to 15 in. large flowers 8 to 10 in. ¾ to 4 in. depth. Plants 6 ft. by 3 to 4 ft. across, erect, dense growth. In my own garden one plant had four blooms out at once, smallest 9½ in., largest 12 in., stems 15-22 in. without a leaf. **Div. \$10; Plants \$5.**

JIMMIE FOXX. I. D. (Johnson) A truly spectacular dahlia of giant size; color coppery red tinged with henna. The flowers easily obtain a size of 13 inches in diameter by 8 inch depth and are supported by strong straight stems. The plant is an exceptionally sturdy grower having very heavy foliage. This fine dahlia won the American Home Achievement Medal as the best worthy un-

disseminated dahlia at the New York Show; also the Derrill W. Hart Memorial Medal offered for the first time at this show. The Derrill W. Hart Medal is considered by the American Dahlia Society as the highest award in the seedling class. Further winnings are the American Home Achievement Medal and the Michell Achievement Medal as the best seedling and the best dahlia at the Burholme Show. Also won the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Medal at the Philadelphia Show in the championship seedling class. Here is a real dahlia that should be in your garden. The new champion that was not defeated at any show: named in honor of "Jimmie Foxx", the popular baseball player of the Boston "Red Sox". **Div. \$15 net; Plant \$7.50.**

***KEMP'S GREAT EASTERN.** I. D. (No. E. E. K.) This big fellow is the result of crossing Oringo with Lady Moyra Ponsonby, and is one of the largest and most spectacular dahlias we have ever offered our patrons. It can be easily grown to 14 inches in diameter, a depth of six inches and over. The color is a blending of orange-gold and reddish bronze, a beautiful color combination that reminds you of the various hues of the forests in late fall. Plant grows to a height of 4-5 feet, has many long side branches, and is a prolific bloomer from early season till cut down by frost. The hugh blooms are wonderful keepers when cut, and the past season was one of our best sellers as a cut flower. Foliage thick, tough and very resistant to sucking insect injury. Good root maker, good keeper in storage. Scored 85E at East Lansing, Mich., Trial Grounds this season. **Div. (limited) \$10; Plants, each \$5.**

***KILGORE'S KING.** I. D. (Kilgore) A magnificent flower of flesh with petals tipped and outlined with gold. Petals long and pointed and held facing on cane like stems 3 ft. or more, in length. Certificate at Storrs 1936, score 85E. When I visited Storrs in **late October it still had 12 in. blooms on perfect stems.** Plants 6 ft. and foliage perfect. Has been grown 14 inches. **Div. \$10 net; Plants \$5.**

KILGORE'S KNIGHT. I. D. (Kilgore) The plant, bloom, size and stem almost identical with his King and to me even more beautiful. One of the oddest and most strikingly beautiful that I saw last Fall. Color, a blending of Chinese red and gold, with reverse ashes of roses, which shows on face, on center petals. **Grown 13 in. Div. \$7.50; Plants \$3.**

KING OF THE GARDEN. I.D. (Lee) Blooms 11 in. x 4½, Plant 5 ft. Bright canary yellow flushed with soft orange red. A beauty. **Div. \$4; Plants \$2.**

MAD RIVER CHIEF. I. D. (Wickersham) An enormous bloom of from 10 to 12 in. diameter, 6 in. deep, held mostly, facing up on grand stems of extra length. Plant 4½ ft. with thick, pleasing foliage, insect resistant. No. 1 on D. O. Eldredge List of outstanding new Dahlias. Considered by experts the best to date. **Plants only \$7.50.**

MRS. IDA CHASE. Str. Cactus. (Kemp) Named for the late Mrs. Ida Chase of Michigan, who was one of the outstanding dahlia lovers of her state. This is unquestionably one of the most beautiful dahlias introduced in recent years, and for basket and vase arrangement for the show room and home decoration it is without a peer. The colors are a combination of bright lemon yellow and spinal pink, pale lavender reverse. Under ordinary garden cultural conditions the blooms average about 7 inches, but can be easily grown to 9 inches under high culture. Height of plant 4½ to 5 ft., many branched, and wide spreading. Stems are perfect and hold the blooms 8-10 inches above the foliage. Mid-season till frost. Scored 85.6 at East Lansing Trial Grounds the past season. **Div. \$10 net; Plants, each \$5.**

MARVELOUS. D. (Lee) Honor Roll and First Prize for best F. D. at Washington Show. Blooms 11 x 4 in. Plant 4½ ft. Color bright, flaming grenadine orange lemon yellow at base and tips of petals. Center folds forward showing reverse in an attractive manner. Stems long and strong, holding giant blooms for **above** the 5 ft. bush. A marvelous and unique color. **Plants only \$5.**

MAJOR C. C. MESSERVEY. D. (Stredwick) One of the largest giant yellows grown on cane stems. **Div. \$2.50; Plants \$1.**

*** MILBEE'S SOLDIERS' BONUS.** I. D. (Milbee). One of the largest Dahlias ever grown, 16½ in. x 11, and on perfect stem. Chestnut to light mahogany, a very unusual color. R. G. Huey, Flemington, Ky., Trial Gardens says: "**Head and shoulders** above any Seedling I grew in 1935 and I grew practically all of them." Perfect habits, 12 to 14 in. blooms are common. Early and prolific. Attracted most attention of any in my gardens. Plants 1936 were \$15 net. **Plants only \$7.50.**

ORANGE MOON. D. (Wallace) A large, deep flower of orange, shading lighter, on extra long, cane like stems. Vigorous, insect resistant. **Div. \$1.50; Plants \$1.**

ORANGE LADY. D. Orange lightly flushed peach red. Large, prolific and much admired. **Div. \$1.50; Plants \$1.**

*** RUDOLPH'S GIANT.** I. D. (Ruschmohr) One of the super-giants and grown 15 in. last season. Color a clear golden apricot, flushed pastel pink and golden tan. Cane stiff stems. Certificate at Storrs and on **three** Honor Rolls. **Plants only \$5.**

ROYAL AUVERGNE. S.C. (Pezant) A French novelty with an unusual coloring, caldron red, shaded a chrome yellow. Blooms average ten to twelve inches across, the long outer petals twist in a very graceful manner, with a high rose-bud like center. They are held at a forty-five degree angle on very long, almost leafless stems, that are strong and sturdy and hold the blooms high above the foliage. It is a free and exceptionally prolific bloomer from early in the season until frost. They will last a long time when cut, and are ideal for either the garden or exhibition. The plant is very vigorous, strong and sturdy in habit of growth, with self-branching and wide-spreading habits, and needs very little disbudding to get large blooms. Height six feet, winner of First Class Certificate at the Trial Grounds at Tours. **Plants \$3.75.**

***ROBERT L. RIPLEY.** I. D. Rhodamine purple with rose suffusions. Immense, has been grown 16 x 12 inches. Many first prizes at National, Chicago and other exhibitions. Will develop a full flower from a cut bud not even showing color. **Root \$20; Plants \$10.**

***SHELDON'S LOUISE.** I. D. (Sheldon) A gigantic bloom of a lovely, rich red with a slight purplish shade, 14 in. by 7 in., at Boston, 1936, where it won **First Prize** and a Special Gold Medal. Plants grow 8 to 9 ft. tall and blooms face nearly up on giant stems, 3 to 4 ft. long. Center perfect. **Div. (very limited) \$10; Plants \$5.**

TANNENBURG. S. C. One of the best of the foreign importations. Blood red on yellow, golden yellow tips. Large bloom, perfect stem. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

THE GATEWAY. D. (Burkart) An immense formal decorative of deep Chinese yellow with reverse of rich rose—almost red. All petals are **embossed**, giving an impression of a rare old engraving. Plant 6 to 8 ft. Great long stems hold the giant blooms (11 in. or more, naturally) perfectly. Free bloomer and medium early. We consider this the **"gateway"** to a new race of dahlias. The **sensation** of the Detroit Show and in the select group nominated for future honors by D. O. Eldridge, Editor of Mid-West News. Also Certificate of Honor from Georgia Experimental Station. **Div. \$10; Plants \$5.**

ZAMORRA. D. (Seal) An immense bloom (12 in. and of great depth) is shaped like a chrysanthemum and carried on top of a 5 ft. stem. Winner of award from President of Spain, also Best Dahlia in the Show. **Div. \$3; Plants \$1.50.**

White Abundance, Cal. Peach, Azura, Pelicano's White, Mona Liza, Romeo, King Alfred, Sierra Sunrise, ect., ect.

A NUMBER OF OTHER OUTSTANDING NEW VARIETIES, SECURED TOO LATE TO CATALOGUE.

**If you miss any you want, write
us, we likely have them.**

Previous Introductions From Other Growers

ADIRONDACK SUNSET. I. D. ("Cackener-Parkway") On the 1935 Honor Roll. Color a vivid scarlet, shading to a bright canary yellow at base. The petals are long and broad, and form a high tight center, showing the deep gold reverse of petals. The outer petals wave and twist near the tips, to further enhance its beauty. The plant averages six feet in height, is a strong robust grower, a very free and constant bloomer, that needs very little disbudding to attain large size. The blooms are held facing sideways on long stiff cane-like stems, well above the large thick insect resistant foliage. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

AMERICA'S SWEETHEART. I. D. Another great yellow of 1935 introduction. Similar to Lord of Autumn in size and type of bloom. Formation is different as this has staghorn petals. Stems stiff and long. A grand Dahlia and great Prize Winner in 1935. On Honor Roll. **Div. \$4; Plants \$2.**

ARELDA LLOYD. I. D. The best way to describe this Dahlia is to say it is just like Jane Cowl in habits in every way except color. It is described in the Trial Garden report as follows: "A deep soft shade of yellow with a slight flush of pink on ends of petals, reverse a clear yellow with pink veining." The stems and habits are all that could be desired. If you liked that grand Dahlia Jane Cowl, you will like this one better which is a sport of Jane Cowl. Field grown stock guaranteed to make good. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

ANGELO ROSSI. (Redfern). I. D. Color vivid gold, outer petals flushed a deeper shade of salmon-gold. Flower very large and deep, stem strong, foliage good, bush very sturdy and attractive. Won first prize as a seedling when His Honor, Angelo Rossi, Mayor of the City of San Francisco, gave it his name. Again won first prize as the best 3-year-old at the California Flower Festival in 1934; received the handsome trophy of President Zamorra of the Republic of Spain. **Div. \$5; Plants \$2.50.**

AMELIA EARHART. S. C. (Cordes Eastman) A very large and artistically formed combination of apricot-buff with primrose at the base of each petal, with tints and sometimes stripes of salmon. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

BING CROSBY. I. D. (Stephenson) Color golden yellow pencilled with carmine. A seedling of La Fiesta, carrying the same general tones but the colors are deeper and more pronounced. The flower is larger and much deeper, with a high center; the stem is perfect, carrying the bloom erect, and facing you. The foliage is five leaved, insect resistant, and a brilliant shade of green. Achievement Medal winner at the Los Angeles Show, 1934. **Div. \$3; Plants \$1.50.**

BLACK KNIGHT. I. D. (Kemp) We are unable to find a color in Ridgeway's color chart that matches the color of this giant dahlia. The nearest we can

come to it is dark velvety maroon, almost black. The flowers are of great size, often up to 14 inches in diameter, and are held high above the foliage on thick stiff stems. Plant is a very strong grower, attaining to a height of 6 to 7 feet. **Strong div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

BOSPHORUS. I. D. (Ballay) Deep burnt orange or golden brown. A fine, large, well shaped flower in a color that is new in our experience. It is a dark flower, almost as deep in the orange tone in the body of the flower as maroon is to red, but shades to a lighter orange at the edges of the petals. Long straight stem and attractive when cut. Certificate of Merit at Storrs. **Div. \$3; Plants \$1.50.**

BUBBLES OF HILLCREST. I. D. (Scott) The most unusual dahlia we have ever grown. Giant bloom. Color: An unusual shade of Magenta, as it cannot be found in Maerz and Paul. A **grand and striking** variety. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

CLARA BARTON. I. D. (Salem Dahlia Gardens) An immense bloom facing slightly upwards on a long, straight stem, twelve inches to first set of leaves. Face of petals silvery orchid, reverse of petals deep lavender, general affect lavender. **Div. \$1.50; Plants \$1.**

CENTURY OF PROGRESS. On 1935 Roll of Honor. Formal Decorative. (B. & B. Gardens). A 1934 introduction that was withdrawn for lack of stock. The royal purple of all time. Without fertilizer 10-13 in. Grand in our gardens 1936. **Div. \$5; Plants \$2.**

CORNELIA BRYCE PINCHOT. I. D. Another giant 1935 introduction. Bloom of tremendous size, a rich red with long wavy and twisting petals. On Honor Roll. Prize Winner. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

CHATAUQUA REGAL. F. D. A very large, rich red with gold on reverse and edges of the petals. A very sturdy grower of about 3 feet with cane-like stems. Prolific and a fine keeper. A fine novelty. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

CITY OF CLEVELAND. I. D. Honor Roll 1935. Bush 4 feet; flowers large, light red in color on long, stiff stems. **Div. \$1.50; Plants \$1.**

CALIFORNIA IDOL. I. D. (Ballay) Clear bright self-colored yellow. In size it ranks with the very largest, growing to 14 inches or more, has corresponding depth, and yet is an extremely refined flower in every sense. It won the American Home Achievement Medal at Boston and the Dahlia Society of California's Gold Medal at San Francisco as the Best Undisseminated Three-Year-Old. It was one of the outstanding varieties at Storrs. **Div. \$4; Plants \$2.**

CALIFORNIA ROSE. I. D. (Ballay) Clear bright rose. Exquisite coloring, large, tall growing, describe in a few words the salient features of this unusually satisfactory new Dahlia. California Rose is also included in Mr. Hart's 1934 Dahlia Review. We quote Mr. Hart's statement: "One of the most beautiful of the novelties. A bright salmon rose and a particularly beautiful flower for cutting. Flower large, but extremely graceful." **Div. \$3; Plants \$1.50.**

CHAMPOEG. Dec. (Crites - Kemp) **The Dahlia Beautiful.** This wonderfully beautiful dahlia is so very unusual in its color that it is without a competitor. The color is waxy, canary yellow at center, shading to salmon pink. Flower is supported by strong, sturdy stems which hold it facing well above the bush. Flowers **average** 9 to 10 inches in width and 3½ inches deep. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

CLARA CARDER. Dec. (Kemp) One of the greatest pink decorative dahlias we have ever grown. Its formation is on the border line between formal and informal decorative, and is in a color class by itself, it being a beautiful shade of clear Cyclamen pink, the only dahlia we know of this color. The absolutely perfect stems makes this dahlia ideal for staging in the shows, and for decorative purposes. The blooms are produced in the greatest profusion from early season until cut down by frost, and can be grown to 10 to 12 inches without forcing. Plant is a vigorous grower, medium in height (4 to 4½ feet) wide spreading and many branched, each branch producing a great bloom without special disbudding. First prize winner in the undisseminated seedling class at the 1935 Detroit and Michigan state shows. 1935 Honor Roll. **Div. each, \$5; Plants each, \$2.**

DADDY KEMP. I.D. (Kemp) In color it is rich purplish red, the flowers attain to an immense size, often 14 inches and over in diameter and 5 to 7 inches in depth. It should be grown to not over four stalks to the plant to insure good stems, which are long, slender and the great size and weight of the blooms may cause them to be somewhat pendulous in unfavorable situations. On Hart's 1934 Honor Roll. **Good strong divisions, each \$2; Plants, each \$1.**

DAUGHTER OF VENUS. I.D. to S.C. (Deland) Rosy mauve, center delicate orchid. Blooms 7 in. to 9 in. by 4 to 4½, grown naturally, on long stiff stems. Plant 5 to 6 feet. Splendid keeper and needs no spraying. Not shown in competition but highly commended by two **Vice Presidents** of A. D. S. Sensation at Mid-West Show. **Div. \$4; Plants \$2.**

ELISSA LANDI. F.D. A fine Honor Roll Dahlia and named for the actress. A truly beautiful Dahlia and a great favorite as a cut flower as well as Prize Winner. A lovely shade of light orange — nearly orange buff—on splendid long stiff stems. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

FOREST FIRE. I.D. One of the most spectacular 1935 Introductions. Blooms 10x6. Bush 5 feet. Color is lemon yellow, for one-third length of petals shades to rich scarlet toward the tips with yellow petaloids. Certificate at Storrs, Conn., (85.5) and at E. Lansing, Mich., (85). A grand novelty. Bush a very sturdy grower. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

FULL MOON. Dec. (Ballay-Success) A monster flower of canary yellow. Grown to 14 inches. **Always facing up, on giant stems. Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

* **GRANDEE.** I.D. (Ballay) Light nopal red shaded orange yellow. For great size we are inclined to think Grandee surpasses them all. We have had 15-inch blooms without forcing or shading on plants 4 feet tall. On Roll of Honor. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

GOOD WILL. S. C. One of the finest and most spectacular dahlias in our gardens. Resembles Satan in formation (with long, spikey petals), it grew even larger with us and far more beautiful, a lovely cream yellow suffused a very delicate soft pink on stems 3 to 4 feet long. Last blooms as large and even more beautiful than the first. Very prolific. **Div. \$1.50; Plants \$1.**

GOLDEN ECLIPSE. A 1934 Introduction. Unquestionably the finest and most valuable dahlia of recent introduction. Also Certificate, Storrs. The color is clear golden yellow with slight blushes of salmon on some of the petals, shading to bright rich salmon in the center. The flowers average from 8 to 10 inches in diameter with a depth of five inches, on strong stems, which can be cut up to four feet long. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

GOLDEN STANDARD. (Downs) C. 1935, g e, Bloom 9 x 5, Bush 4½ feet. We admired this dahlia when it won in the seedling class in Camden in 1933, as it is a warm buff shaded amber and gold. Very pleasing in form with full centers and evenly arranged petals. Bush is a good, open grower. Stem holds flower facing at right angles, which shows up well in the garden or when exhibited, although not easy to pack. Won as the best undisseminated Cactus in New York last season, and also won the President's Cup over all types in the undisseminated classes. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

* **HUNT'S VELVET WONDER.** I. D. (Burnett) Received the only Award of Merit in the informal decorative class, at the New York Dahlia Show 1934. A "Roll of Honor" variety, having all the desirable and pleasing habits of other dahlia leaders. Striking foliage. Blooms up to 15 inches in diameter. Disease resistant. Deep burgundy red. The best new one we grew in 1935-36. **Div. 2.50; Plants \$1.25.**

HILLCREST ROYALIST. I. D. On the (December) American Home Magazine Honor Roll. Color: One shade of Indian Red with Clover reverse. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

JUDGE SAMUEL SEABURY. I. D. Heliotrope shading to white. Winner Certificate of Merit 1934. Winner in American Dahlia Show, New York. Gold Medal for the Best New Jersey variety. Winner at Ho-Hokus at the Dahlia Society of New York and Bergen County Gardners Society combined show—best undisseminated dahlia. Winner Gold Medal for the Best New Jersey variety. **Div. \$2.50; Plants \$1.25.**

* **J. K. ALEXANDER, JR.** I. D. One of the most **gigantic** blooms in Dahlias, being immense in diameter; extremely deep and very close petaled. Last season I weighed a **bloom** that went **over 1 lb.** A deep red with slight lines of gold on edges toward the tips. Stems long and cane-like and hold the giant blooms perfectly at all times. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

JANE COWL. (Down's) This massive decorative has been, and still is, one of the greatest prize winners of all time. An immense flower, frequently 10½ inches across and **7 inches** deep, on cane stiff stems 3 to 4 feet long. **Div. 50¢.**

KITTY MAC. I. D. (Kemp) The color is a reddish purple (Petunia Purple). Flowers are 10 to 12 inches in diameter, and 6 to 7 inches in depth, and are held facing upward on stems as rigid as a cane. Flowers recurve toward the stem similar to the Lord of Autumn. Plant 6 feet and over in height, foliage thick and leathery like toughness, making it practically immune to injury by sucking insects. 1935 Honor Roll. Stock quite limited. **Div. each, \$6; Plants \$3.**

* **KAWEAH.** (Giant I. D.) (Meussdorffer) Color is hard to describe, a deep, clear, rose-cerise, center of petals shading to a rich, velvety cardinal toward the center of the flower. Held perfectly erect on very long, extra strong, stiff stems. The **largest Dahlia ever produced, 16½ inches, 1932.** **Div. \$1.**

"KING OF THE BLACKS". (Krunzman) Formal decorative dahlia. Color is the darkest rich velvet red, almost black, and holds color in any weather. **Div. \$1 each; Plants \$1.**

MARY RETZER. (Retzer) A sport of Edna Ferber, S. C. Color, pink; size slightly larger than Edna Ferber. Grown successfully in many Mid-West gardens. **Div. \$4; Plants \$2.**

MARY ELIZABETH REFERN. I. D. (Redfern) Color a delightful shade of orchid rose. A dahlia that has a universal appeal—very large deep flowers of fine and pleasing form held on very long strong stems. The flowers grow well above the bush. It has been a consistent prize winner. **Div. \$3; Plants \$1.50.**

MRS. J. K. ALEXANDER. I. D. Another giant yellow, nearly as large as Lord of Autumn and America's Sweetheart, but blooms not so deep. Petals extremely long and wavy. Stems long and stiff hold the flowers right but they are inclined to tip down something like Bashful Giant. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

* **MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE.** I. D. A winner everywhere in the Largest and Best Bloom Class. The most magnificent, pure red dahlia I ever grew or saw. Grown 17½ inches. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

* **NORMANDIE.** (Veile) The most beautiful formal pink Dahlia ever introduced. A silvery pink flower that grows 11 to 14 inches in diameter and is held well out of the lacey foliage on long, stiff stems. On Honor Roll. **Plants only, \$4.**

"OAKLEIGH MONARCH". (Hook) You are invited to grow this remarkable new Honor Roll Merit Dahlia in 1937. Our stock is limited—but we can assure you that the quality and future success of this introduction are unlimited. Take our word for it; order now and avoid any regret. Guaranteed 100%. Color: bright cerise red. Size: 10 inches to 14 inches, normally. Foliage: dark green; insect resisting. Stem: strong—two to three feet long. Height: six feet. Certificate Winner at East Lansing Trial Grounds, 1935. **Div. \$5 net; Plants \$2.50.**

PALO ALTO. S. C. (Ballay-Success) It is a finely formed, big flower of bright salmon and tan combination. This great exhibition flower will thrill all true dahlia lovers. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

PRIDE OF AMERICA. S. C. (Nuneviller) Primrose yellow with pink on reverse of petals. Grown 11 inches and 10 inches deep. This is nearest to a 100% Dahlia that I have had the pleasure of seeing and predict it will be held the standard in the S. C. classes for years to come. The truest S. C. type with high full centers and the petals folding back to the stem, making it nearly globe shape. The huge flowers are displayed beautifully on perfect stems. An Honor Roll Dahlia. **Div. \$7.50; Plants \$3.50.**

PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT. (Shattuck) This is a formal decorative that has a certificate of merit from Storrs. A Chinese red with fawn edge and cream reverse. The flowers are very large and deep going 9 inches without disbudding and holds its size all season. The blooms are held well above the foliage on good stiff stems. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

RUBY TAYLOR. I. D. A monster bloom of ruby red to carmine. Stem O. K. A Certificate of Merit winner. One of the best in our gardens. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

SAMARKAND. I. D. (Redfern) Beautiful cerise rose colored flower. This large dahlia is the exact replica of Bagdad except in its color. Instead of the flaming crimson of our world-famous Bagdad it is a beautiful deep cerise rose red. We predict that Samarkand will win as enviable a place in the hearts of dahlia enthusiasts as has Bagdad. **Div. \$4; Plants \$2.**

SEAL'S LADY OF SHALOTT. Formerly Seal's Shalimar which we in courtesy renamed, as there is another beautiful Shalimar—a fine poinsetta red—being introduced in Michigan. Our informal decorative is of great beauty and has been tested in the East for the last two years by Mr. Derrill W. Hart, and won a place of Honor in his 1934 Review of New Dahlia Champions. A combination in color of gold blushed with apricot and bronze, with a center of bright gold which is perfect and closed. Can be easily grown 12 inches and with care, greater size, as the blooms are naturally very large. The stems are long and stiff and the plant large and tall. An early bloomer. **Div. \$5; Plants \$2.**

SHALIMAR. (B. & B. Gardens) The great poinsetta red everyone has been waiting for—the sensation at Detroit in 1933 and at the Mid-West show in 1934. "Public Preference Its Best Reference." Can easily be grown to 13-14 inches. **Div. \$2; Plants \$1.**

SHEKINAH. (Redfern) 1936 Introduction. A perfectly formed shell pink semi-cactus dahlia. The exquisitely beautiful blooms are carried on long strong stems. The blooms average 10 inches in diameter and have great depth. Shekinah has been in competition three times and three times won first prize. 1. First prize as a seedling. 2. First prize in a large arrangement of pink dahlias, and 3, First prize as the Best Individual Bloom in the Show in the Open for All Division, in 1935, at the 20th Annual Show of the Dahlia Society of California at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. **Plants only, \$5.**

SUSAN ANN GILBERT. Min. Dec. A beautiful little Decorative of about two inches diameter. A pure snowy white, extremely prolific, with nice stiff stems. An ideal cut flower variety. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

SATAN. S. C. (Ballay-Success) An immense flaming red cactus with touch of gold at the center. **Grown to over 13 inches** which is very remarkable for a cactus. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

TOWER'S EMPIRE. I. D. Honor Roll of 1934. An immense bloom of gold with amber shadings. Petals slightly twisted. Plant a very tall and robust grower with beautiful fine lack foliage. One of the outstanding 1935 introductions and rated very high by Derrill W. Hart. Plants up to 8 feet in height. Blooms may be grown 12 to 15 inches in diameter. **Div. \$3; Plants \$1.50, 3 for \$4.**

THE FIREMAN. I. D. (Reed). Mr. Derrill W. Hart, dahlia expert, describes it as follows: "This variety is a flashy cardinal red with golden flushes and golden tips at center of the flower." **Div. \$1.50; Plants \$1.**

"WENOKA". (Hulin) A huge formal decorative of Rosy Mauve and deep magenta, on long stiff stems. This is the Dahlia that caused such a sensation at East Lansing Trial Gardens, where it secured a certificate of merit with a score of 88, only one dahlia scoring higher. On the Honor Roll for last season; also mentioned in Dr. Howe's article in the Flower Grower. "Wenoka" has been tried in five different locations and all report its wonderful performance. Stock quite limited. **Strong divisions \$5; Plants \$2.50.**

WASHINGTON GIANT. I. D. (Lee) Well named as the giant blooms are frequently 12 inches in diameter and deep. Blooms are lavender streaked silver and with silvery petaloids throughout. Fine growing habits and best of stems. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**

WHITE WONDER. I. D. (Kemp) This sensational White Dahlia has giant blooms, (many of which are **11 to 12 inches** across by **8 to 9 inches in depth**), pure white, with long, pointed, twisted and curled petals, held erect on cane-like stems. Grows 5 to 6 feet. **Div. \$1; Plants \$1.**



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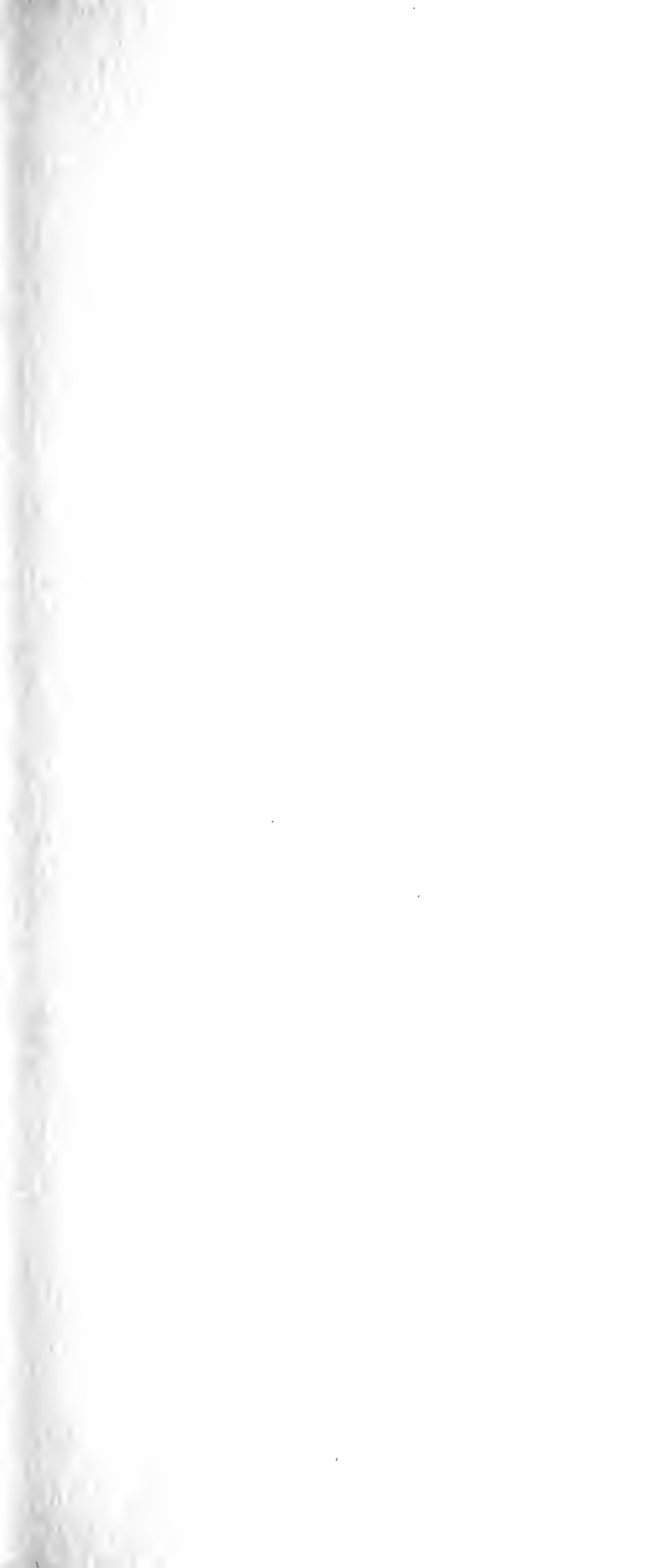
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